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REQUEST FOR FILING A PATENT APPLICATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

Anticipated Classification of this Application:

Class: _____

Subclass: _____

Prior Application: _____

Examiner: _____

Art Unit: _____

To the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks:

This is a request for filing a ☐ continuation ☒ divisional application
under 37 CFR 1.53(b), of pending prior application serial number 09/253,212, filed on 2/19/99 for
METHOD FOR PRODUCING CUTTING TOOLS.

1. Enclosed is a copy of the latest inventor signed prior application, including the oath or declaration as originally filed. I hereby verify that the attached papers are a true copy of the latest inventor signed prior application serial number 09/253,212 as originally filed on 2/19/99, and further that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like are made punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

| Claims: | (1) For | (2) Number Filed | (3) Number extra | (4) Rate | (5) Calculations |
|--|------------|---------------------|---------------------|-------------|---------------------|
| Total Claims | | 20 - 20 = | | x \$18.00 | \$ |
| Independent Claims | | 1 - 3 = | | x \$ 80.00 | \$ |
| Multiple Dependent Claim(s) (if applicable) | | | | + \$270.00 | \$ |
| Basic Fee: | | | | | \$ 710.00 |
| | | | | | _____ |
| | | | | Total | \$ 710.00 |

2. ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. **14-1431**.

3. ☒ A check in the amount of \$ 710 is enclosed.

4. ☒ Cancel in this application the original claims 1 - 18 of the prior application before calculating the filing fee.

5. ☐ Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence: This application is a ☐ continuation, ☐ division, of application serial no. _____, filed _____.

6. ☐ Transfer the drawings from the pending prior application to this application.

a. ☒ New formal drawings are enclosed.

b. ☒ Priority of application no. 99103093.3, filed on February 17, 1999 in Europe (EPO) is claimed under 35 U.S.C. 119.

☒ The certified copy has been filed in prior U.S. application no. 09/254,212.

7. ☒ The prior application is assigned of record to Unaxis Balzers Aktiengesellschaft at Reel 009953 , Frame 0617, recorded on 5/10/99.

8. ☒ A preliminary amendment is enclosed.

9. ☐ A verified statement claiming small entity status is enclosed in parent application Serial Number _____, filed _____ and is still proper.

10. ☐ Also enclosed _____

11. ☒ The power of attorney in the prior application is to

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a. ☒ The power appears in the original papers in the prior application.

b. ☐ Since the power does not appear in the original papers, a copy of the power in the prior application is enclosed.

c. address all future communications to:

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